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For: BIOMETRIC KEY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

6. A biometric key as claimed in claim [3, 4 or 5] 3, wherein the biometric sensor is accommodated within a mating recess in the insulator.
7. A biometric key as claimed in [any one of claims 2-6] claim 2, wherein the key body incorporates a circuit board engaging with said one or more contacts.
11. A biometric key as claimed in [any one of claims 2-10] claim 2, wherein the or each contact is at least partly surrounded by an insulator sleeve.

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13. A biometric key as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein the key body has a handle or gripping part incorporating the biometric sensor and a blade portion.

15. A biometric key as claimed in [any one of claims 1-13] claim 1, wherein the blade portion is plate like in shape not incorporating wards, for insertion into a slot of the receptor body.

16. A biometric key as claimed in claim [11 or 12] 11, wherein each contact comprises a pair of contact pins located in accommodating insulator sleeves, wherein each contact pin is separated by the circuit board.

17. A biometric key as claimed in [any preceding claim] claim 1, wherein the key body incorporates a smart chip.

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice.

24. A receptor body as claimed in [any one of claims 20-23] claim 20, which incorporates an internal processing unit, which corresponds to said processing means.

28. A receptor body as claimed in claim [20, 21, 24 or 25] 20, which has a slot engageable with a blade portion of the biometric key, wherein said blade portion does not incorporate wards.

29. A receptor body as claimed in [any one of claims 20-28] claim 20, wherein each of the contacts contained therein are spring biased to a position in abutment with a corresponding contact

pin of the biometric key body.

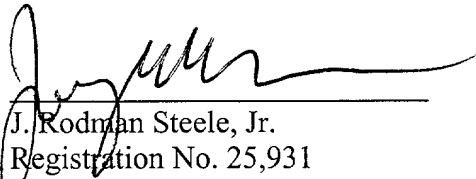
33. A receptor body as claimed in [any one of claims 20-32] claim 20, wherein there is incorporated an indicator means indicating validation or rejection of biometric data generated by the sensor.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is made to convert the multiple dependent claims to non-multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the surcharge for multiple dependent claims. No new matter is added. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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